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#### ON THE WATER QUESTION.

The address by the Mayor and special committee, to the taxpayers of Salt Lake City, concerning the contemplated issue of bonds for the increase of the water supply, is now published. 'Ve | recommend it to the careful perusal of all interested, that they may understand the proposition thoroughly, and be in a position to vote intelligently on the question.

The address states in detail how much the proposed improvements will cost, what the sum asked for will purchase, and touches on some of the advantages to be obtained.

One objection-and that is the chief one-that absolute title is not acquired by the contemplated trade, is effectively answered in the address. On this point it says:

There is no such thing known to the law as an absolute title to the water itself, but only to the use thereof, and, as the city will have the perpetual right to use the water, subject only to such conditions as it can control, there s but little difference in effect between the proposed arrangement and an absolute transfer to the city of the mountain water rights. It is believed that, when these plans are carried out and the development of Utih lake and the establishment of permanent brigation works for the distribution of the water are completed, farmers will ace that their supply is just on socure and satis. mountains, and then a mutually sat's. factory arrangement can be made by which the city will become the absolute owner of the mountain water

ions on the necessity of acquiring more | seems. water for the city. Without an increased water supply, the growth of this favorably located capital must be retarded. We are reliably informed here, have been too timid to do so, on account of a fear for a searchty of water. The proposed invertment must therefore recommend itself to all interested in the future of this city.

#### THE CHADWICK CASE.

The case of Mrs. Chadwick appears to was caught and sent to prison. Mrs. Possibly her transactions will prove sacrifice. less irregular than the first reports inher creditors are said to have which Andrew Carnegie's signature was supposed to be attached. One old banker lent her over four times the amount of the bank's capital without any kind of security. Another victim brought suit for \$190,800, also loaned without security. One would suppose that such financial transactions would be impossible so soon after the Humbert case, but perhaps the explanation is that given by the San Francisco Chronicle:

"There is no limit to a fascinating woman's power of abstraction when she possesses a graceful form, a pleasant face and address and the hypnotic eye. Such a woman's victims may be classed as legion. Any impressionable man, young or old, is liable to yield to her charms, regardless, for the time betns, of the cost of the surrender. The most hard-fisted money lender is as suscept-tble to the influence as the callow youth, and one parts with his money, when under it, quite as readily as the other.'

Mrs. Chadwick is described as a woman of humble birth, no particular education, and past the time of life when personal fascination is strongest. And yet, on her assertion that she had millions in securities locked up in a safety deposit vault with notes signed with the names of a multi-millionaire, she has been getting money by the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The New York American says that "so little questioning was there of these 'securities' that Audrew Carnegie, whose name, according to one of the attorneys in the case, was signed to a note for half a million dollars that she displayed, says he never so much as heard of her until the present denouement. Yet it is known she used his name repeatedly. About three years ago she told Pittsburg capitalists according to her statement to an attorney who represented her, that she had ten million dollars in Steel stocks and bonds. Then she represented herself as a relative of the steel king. She borrowed \$350,000 from them, agreeing to pay double that amount. All the Pittsburg capitalists got from her was \$10,000, realized from the sale of her jewels, but even then they did not ap-

groundwork of her operations in all parts of the country." Mrs. Chadwick's case is strange indeed.

It is a curious fact, that the greatest

experts among awindlers have been

found among women. A French jurist is authority for the statement that whenever, in a criminal scheme, the most minute details are worked out to perfection, it is almost certain that there is a woman behind it. In 1871 Miss Spitzeder opened a bank in Munich. Her only assets were professions of religious ferver, extravagant generosity, a plausible tongue, and a magnetic personality, but on the strength of these she succeeded in obtaining about \$5,000,000. People withdrew their money from banks and savings banks, mortgaged their property. and, indeed, raised as much cash as they could and paid it into her bank, In a short time she had 30,000 depositors. The result was that government and banking securities were affected, and the luxurious manner in which Fraulein Spitzeder lived and the money she squandered arousing suspicion, inquiries were instituted and the fraulein's "bank" was found to be

fraud. Paris has had many cases of this class. One was that of a peasant girl who, having commenced a career of intrigue and fraud at the age of fifteen. eventually assumed the name of Countess Thaleon, and by trickery and effrontery succeeded in becoming a persona grata in the social circles of the French capital. Many millions of francs, fraudulently obtained from the wealthy people whose acquaintance she made, passed through her hands, and among others whom she ruined was be her husband. When, in 1879, the whole story of her career came to light, and she was prosecuted for her manifold swindles, Colonel Thaleon went into the witness-box, and gave his opinion of her character in the following words: "She is the most accomplished and cunning 'actress' Hving. She cannot open her mouth with-

The probability is that the selfishness of human nature accounts, partly, for the success of such characters. They generally promise fabulous interest on money loaned to them. They | well as for the peace of the world genpromise social advantages, if they have erally. succeeded in entering the exclusive circles of society, and the baits thus displayed, we presume, appear too alluring to resist. Were there less greed in the world, there would be fewer swindlers.

#### PORT ARTHUR.

Interest in the war in the far east is now centered in the operations around Port Arthur. The capture by the Japanese of what is known as 203-Meter Hill, is generally regarded as the beginning of the end of the long siege. but the end has been predicted several times before this. Some months ago the same hill was stormed, and Genral Nogi succeeded in placing a force almost at the summit. They held their position for twenty-four hours and were then forced to retreat. The Russians have again tried to retake There are, we believe, no two opin- this position, but without success, as it

The sacrifices made by the Japanese in attacks upon this strenghold, and by the Russians in its defense, are enormous. What the figures are, is not that business men, anxious to invest known outside the official circles. The strategic importance of the harbor is evident. If the Russians are to carry on naval warfare, it must have a harbor, where her ships can be repaired and provisioned, and whence she can send out expeditions against the enemy. Vladivostok is available for war purposes only part of the year. If Port Arthur is taken before the arrival be similar in many respects to that of in Chinese waters of the Baltic fleet, Mrs. Humbert who, under various pre- that formidable armada will be altexts, defrauded guilible French finan- most useless there. Of so much imclers out of about \$10,000,000, before she portance is that harbor. From a military point of view its possession Chadwick has operated in this country. must be considered worth almost any

Should predictions come true, the dicate, but they certainly ap- bad luck of Kuropatkin will be pear Intricate now. Some of changed; the Japanese south of Mukden will be driven further south, and lent her large sums on the representa- the Russians will have to retake Port tion that she held a note of \$500,000 to Arthur defended by the Japanese

> As it is, Port Arthur will already have a place in history among the most stubbornly defended fortified places. Should the roles change, the place would attain to still greater fame.

#### ARMENIANS FEAR TURKS.

The Armenians are again fearing an assault, by Turkish sanction. They have noticed the changed attitude of the Sultan toward St. Petersburg. Only a short time ago, Russian ships were fired upon from Turkish ports in the Bosphorus. Lately Russia appears to have obtained Turkish consent for the passage of a fleet through the Dardanelles. The Armenians reason that this change of policy has been purchased by Russia, and, they fear, at the cost of themselves. This fear is strengthened by the fact that just now Turkey is placing in Europe large orders for ammunition, and her agents, even through Armenian papers and otherwise, are feeling the pulse of European sympathy toward Armenia by direct and indirect allusions and alarms

The fears thus expressed may not be well founded, but it is certain that the Armenians are feared by Turkish rulers, and that the policy of these seems to have been to decimate them at intervals, to prevent them from becoming a power in the land. The Turkish Armenian policy seems to be that of Pharaoh toward the descendants of Israel in servitude. Accordingly another massacre is about due, and it is not improbable that the time is considered favorable, Europe being eagerly looking toward eastern Asia for the development of events.

We hope the second peace congress will convene and consider questions relating to subjugated nations that are fighting for existence by "passive resistance," enduring tyranny, but always in the hope of seeing, at some time, the dawn of the day of liberty. parently settle the story that was the The Armenians in Asia Minor, the government had known that a man on

happened to be the weaker party. Their | Adolph Beck case, status will, some time, have to be reconsidered. Justice must be done to all. The wrongs of wars must be eliminated, before universal peace can prevall. For that reason it is to be hoped that a peace congress will not shun questions in which conquered nations are interested. When the causes of dissatisfaction among nations are removed by justice, wars will not be thought of. Friends of peace will readily understand that a final re-adjustment of national relations, as far as these are founded upon compulsion, is necessary to the full realization of their plans and hopes.

#### TO REDUCE NAVAL EXPENSES.

In view of the proposed expenditures by this country for naval purposes, an article in the current number of the North American Review, by Lieutenant Carlyon Bellairs, is of special interest. He shows that in twelve years the naval expenditure of the United States has trobled, while that of Great Britain has doubled, and under existing conditions the international rivalry for supremacy on the sea bids fair to necossitate still further increase in the annual outlay on the manufacture of fighting ships. But this is, in his view, entirely unnecessary. He proposes an arrangement between Great Britain and the United States which would enable both countries to effect vast economies, by curtailing their annual naval output, without impairing in any de-Colonel Thaleon, who was supposed to gree the guarantee of their national or imperial interests which their navies are intended to provide. Should they jointly agree to come to each other's assistance in the event of either power being threatened by a coalition of three maritime powers, they could each afford to reduce the rate at which, as matters stand, they are compelled to add yearly to the strength of their respective navies. This arrangement would come pretty near being an entangling alliance, but the question is whether it would not be for the benefit of the two countries mentioned, as

> Will the Beef trust eventually go the way of all flesh?

Uncle Sam and Aunt Cassie are the largest borrowers in this country.

If Nan Patterson has a secret she is succeeding very well in keeping it.

It looks as though Santa Claus were going to be busier than usual this

Selling mine slack for lump coal is pretty near on a par with selling water

"Who Struck Billy Patterson" and Nan Patterson are not brother and sis-

is unimpaired. Neither that nor her military prestige has been added to.

York Evening Post. Nothing. And per contra, what ails the New York Evening Post?

a trip around the world. Having managed the World's Fair so well he is entitled to take it. Don voyage!

tion at last. It is that of race suicide in her larger cities, where the birth rate is constantly on the decrease.

If Vardaman is wise, he will not apply to any press clipping bureau to know what the country thinks of his low, mean slurs upon the President.

ville next spring. Is the condition that Colonel Watterson shall remain in Europe until after the visit? "Every silver dollar should be made redeemable in gold," says the President

in his message. Why didn't Senator Stewart shrick when this capstone of the crime of '73 was put in place?

return to give the college \$25,000. Haa the college-for-the-good forgotten the maxim of Publius Syrus, "Ne good man ever grew rich all at once?"

keeping a gambling establishment so as to protect his patrons, Richard A. Canfield at least proved that he is a dead game sport. Everybody knew what his occupation is, and his action is a good business stroke.

"The apathy of the Gentiles indicated Salt Lake's public schools controlled by the sectaries," says the Tribune. The they are satisfied that the public schools are not controlled by sectaries, as they no stock in the false cry of "Mormonizing" the schools that has been raised by the Tribune.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is greatly

Macedonians, the Poles, the Finns, and | trial for his life was innocent, it would others, are of this class. They are all have furnished the evidence and not suffering under the injustice inflicted have allowed him to go to prison. Perby flerce wars in which they have haps Sir Arthur never heard of the

#### WHAT EDITORS SAY.

The mother of President Roosevelt vas a member of the Bullock family f Georgia. Her brothers and sisters emained South, and sided with that remained south, and sided with that section in our Civil war. The President's mother, marrying a Northerner and settling in New York, had no political history. Her husband, the President's father, was a leading Republican, in old New York City, and was nominated by President Hayes to be Collector of the Port, in place of Ches. Collector of the Port, in place of Chester A. Arthur, afterward Vice-President and Fresident. Mr. Hayes' nomination of Mr. Roosevelt was rejected by the Senate, on the demand of Roscoe Contiling Parts. Conkling. But the subsequent nomina-tion of General Edwin A. Merrit, to be. Collector, in place of Mr. Arthur, was confirmed. Mr. Roosevelt himself did ot become of age until several years after his father's rejection by the Senate, but his Republican lineage through his father, however well es-tablished, is not better established than this Southern descent from the Bullocks of Georgia.

Kansas City Times. At the celebration of Francis day at the fair, Governor Dockery, representing the state which was host to the world, turned to the representatives of foreign powers and said: "Gentlemen of the world, I'll serve notice on you that the United States is the most powerful country in the world, and that we are going out and get all of you in a peaceful commercial conquest. We're going to whip England commercially, and many another powerful foe." How gratifying it must have been to the gentlemen of friendly European nations to take away this last impression of the hospitality and courtesy of their

New York Evening Sun. After Diaz, what? The question is ne of the greatest interest to the United States, in view of our ever increas-ing commercial interest in our neighrepublic. Before Disz the history of Mexico was one of strife and unsta-ble government, but since he acceded to the presidency, the country has had a long period of peace and prosperity, for he has ruled with a firm hand. He has been a dictator, but a benevolen and wise one, and when last Thurs-day he was inaugurated for the seventh time, it was with the general approba tion of his countrymen. It is signifi-cant that for the first time a vice-president was placed in office, a step to in sure the continuation of a stable gov-ernment in event of the death of the present head. Porfirio Diaz is now seventy-four years of age.

cago engagement.

ter; no relation. Russia says that her military strength

"What ails America?" asks the New

Hon. David Francis is going to take

Germany has to face the race ques-

The President has accepted, conditionally, an invitation to visit Louis-

Oberlin College loaned Mrs. Chadwick \$75,000 at 6 per cent, she promising in

By pleading guilty to the charge of

that most of them were willing to have "apathy" of the Gentiles indicates that certainly are not, and that they take

"President Faunce of Brown university returns from the west, which he visited in the interests of his institution, without any sanguine hopes or getting more students from that region. The west is more and more supplying the demand for a higher education at home. New England's old educational primacy is threatened as never before," says the Springfield Republican. It is easily explained. Westward the star of empire and of education Wednesday and Thursday Evenings, and Wednesday Matinee.

shocked over the administration of American law, which Americans do not claim is perfect. Bad as it is, it is doubtful if there were ever an Adolph Beck case in the United States. If any department of the United States

Brooklyn Eagle.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mme. G. H. Gilbert, the "dear old woman" of the American stage, made her last exit yesterday at Chicago. What her friends had feared happened. The excitement and fatigue of what was designed to be her farawell bur of the cities in which she had played in this country, preliminary to her taking leave of the stage, proved too much for her. She died suddenly at the hotel where she was staying during her Chi-

Chicago Record-Herald.

When Mrs. G. H. Gilbert made her appearance at Powers' theater Monday night she was received with those mingled feelings of respect and affec-tion which were the brightest reward of Joseph Jefferson during the last few years of his life upon the stage public was delighted to welcome her as a star at \$3, and there were the pleasantest anticipations that her engagement would be one of increasing success and leave her with strength unim-

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The December number of the North American Review is of absorbing in-terest, Professor W. A. Dunning, of Columbia University, reviews masterly ability "A Century of Politics." W. D. Howells speculates on the question whether there has been an improvement in recent years in "English Feeling toward Americans." Wil lish Feeling toward Americans." William Garrott Brown points out what he believes to be "The Immediate Peril of the Negro." Vernon Lee contributes a brilliant criticism of "Nietzsche and the 'Will to Power.'" Juan Sumulong presents "A Filipino View of the Philippine Problem." Lawrence Gilman tells of "The New American Music." Mark Sullivan discusses the "Present Status of Repudiated State "Present Status of Repudiated State Bonds." Lieutenant Carlyon Bellairs, of the Royal Navy, suggests a method whereby, through a compact of co-op-eration in certain contingencies, material reduction might be effected yearly in "British and American Naval Expenditures." Flona Macleod concludes her eloquent study of "The Irish Muse." Writing under the pseudonym of "Finlander," a prominent Finnish patriot, an exile from his native land, gives a description of "The Situation in Finland" under the new and lawless Russian rule. The Department of World Politics contains communications from London, Berlin. St. Petersburg and Washington.-New York.

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